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SUBJECT: CHAIRMAN, MALTA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LONDON VISIT

REF: 6/1/77 TELCON, AMB. LAINGEN AND WM. MILLER

1. JOE CASSAR, PROMINENT MALTESE BUSINESSMAN AND CURRENT CHAIRMAN, MALTA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, WILL ACCOMPANY PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF DURING JUNE 8-15 VISIT TO UK.

CASSAR HAS ASKED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING CONTACTS WITH HIGH OFFICIALS OF US FIRMS LOCATED IN UK. SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED WAS A MEETING WITH GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY OFFICIALS.

2. FROM A NUMBER OF STANDPOINTS MALTA IS AN ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENT LOCATION FOR US MANUFACTURING FIRMS. BLUEBELL, WORKWEAR AND GENERAL INSTRUMENTS ARE THREE US FIRMS ALREADY OPERATING SUCCESSFULLY HERE. OFFICIAL US POLICY IS TO ENCOURAGE ADDITIONAL US FIRMS TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHING OPERATIONS IN MALTA.

3. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF EMBASSY LONDON WOULD COORDINATE WITH MALTESE HIGH COMMISSION IN LONDON TO
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ARRANGE INVESTMENT SEMINAR OR SERIES OF PRIVATE MEETINGS FOR CASSAR WITH HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES OF US MANUFACTURING FIRMS, BANKS AND ACCOUNTING FIRMS LOCATED IN THE UK. CASSAR PLANS TO CONTACT EMBASSY UPON ARRIVAL. ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR CASSAR WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

4. FOR ECON/COM MILLER: ABOVE WOULD BE ALTERNATIVE TO MY EARLIER TELEPHONIC QUERY WHETHER MEETING MIGHT BE ARRANGED FOR MINTOFF TO MEET US BUSINESS REPS. WE RECOGNIZE WHY THAT IS NOT PRACTICAL BUT WOULD HOPE SOMETHING COULD BE WORKED OUT FOR CASSAR. LAINGEN

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